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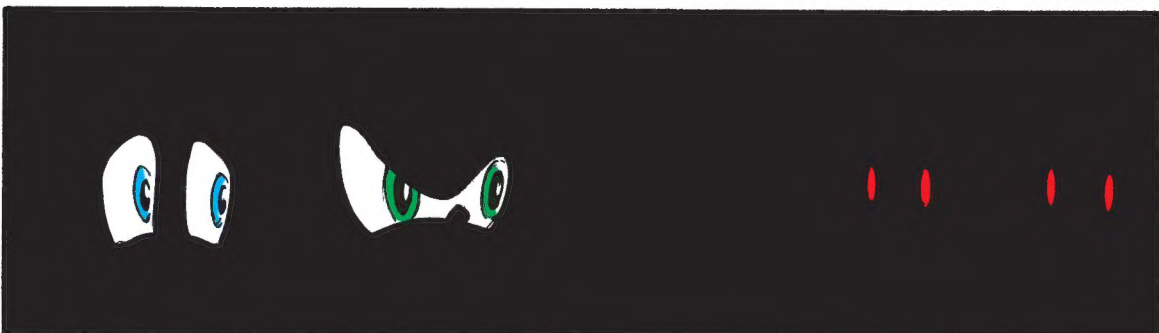
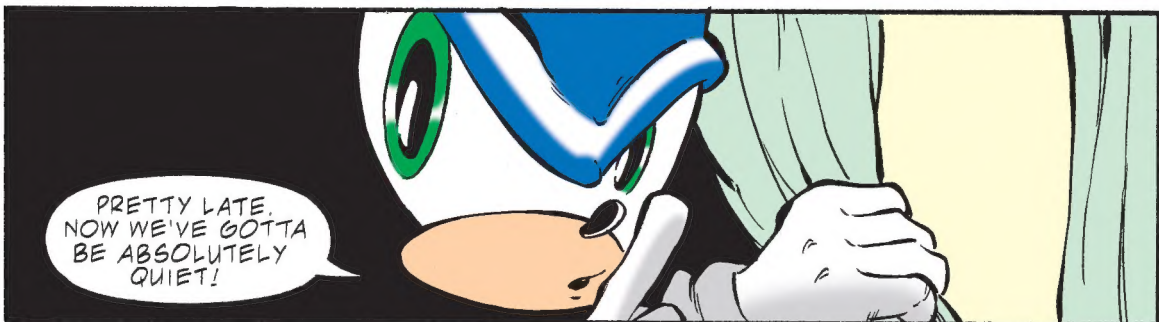
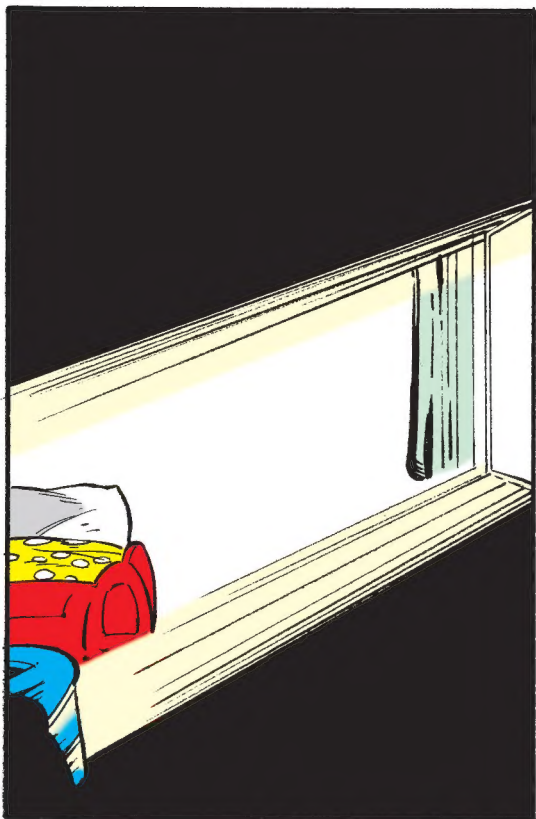
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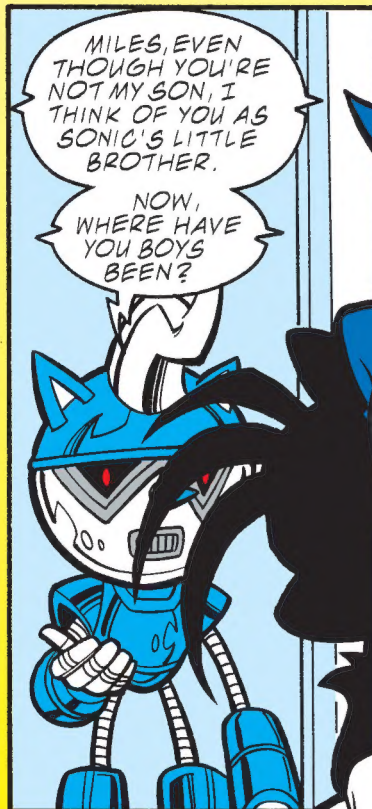
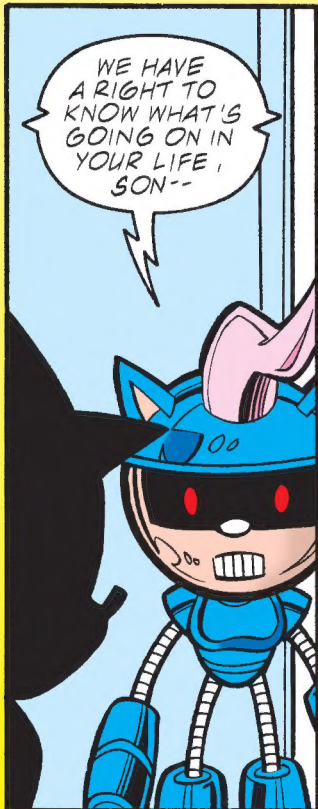
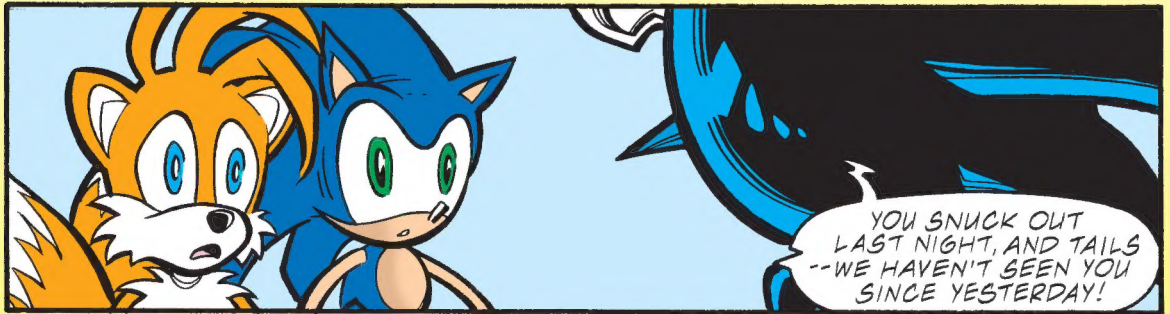
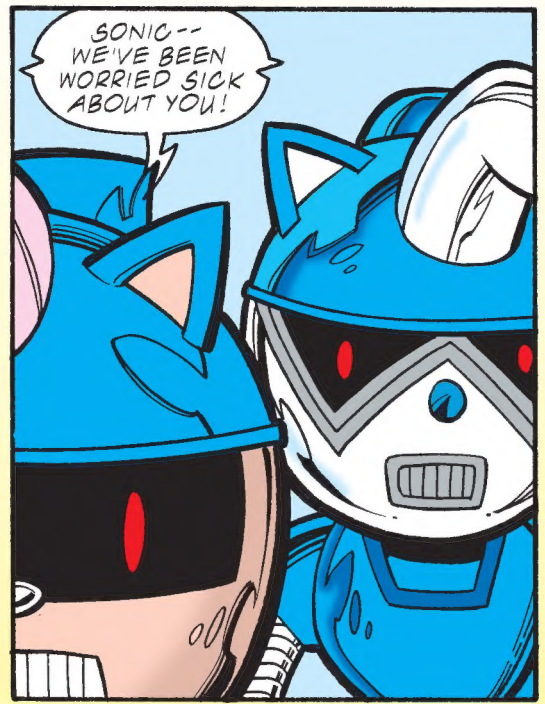
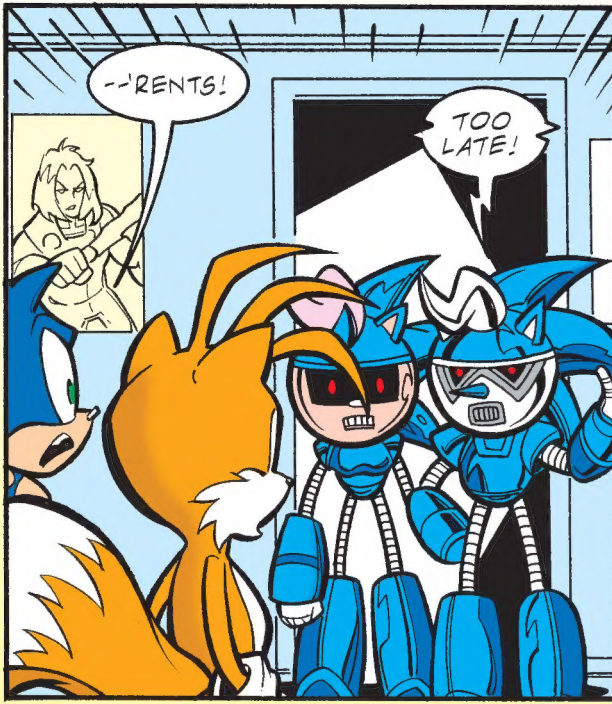
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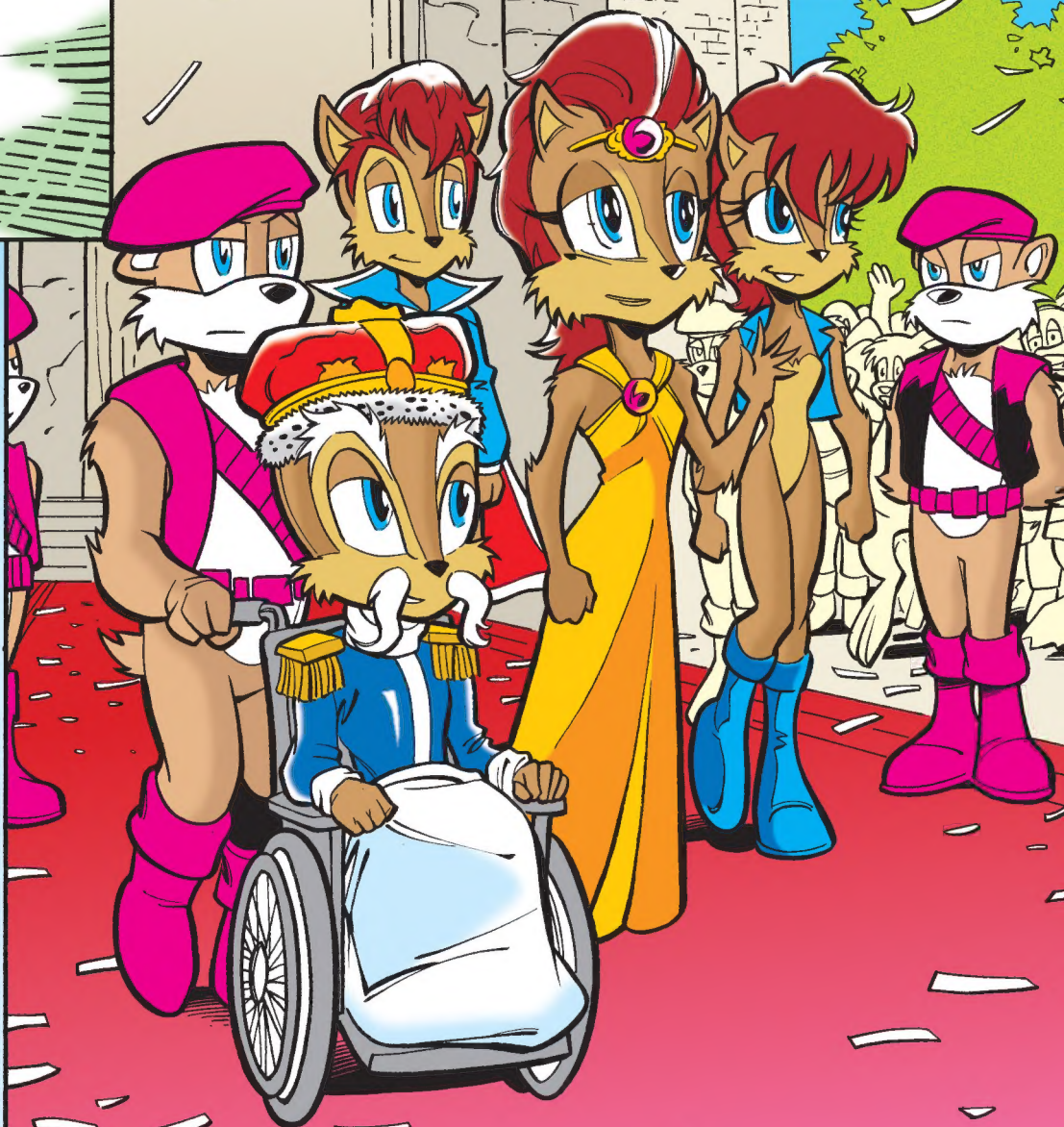


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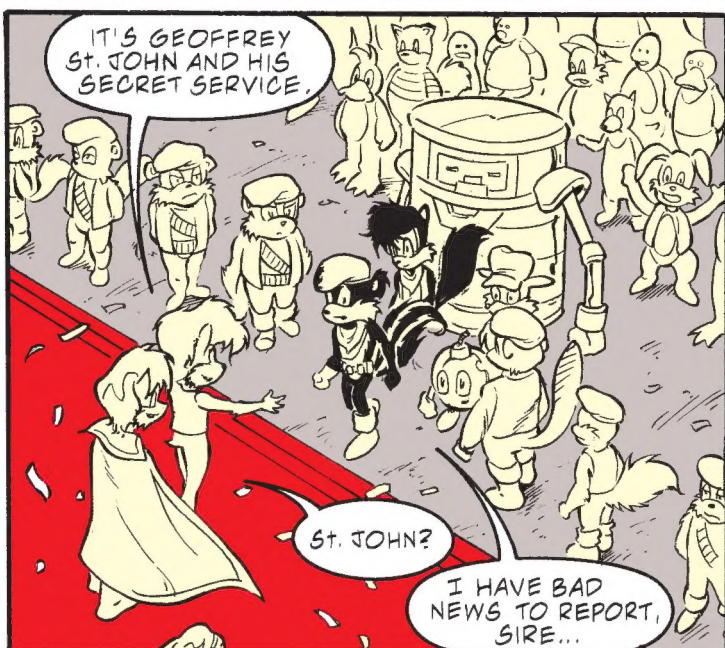
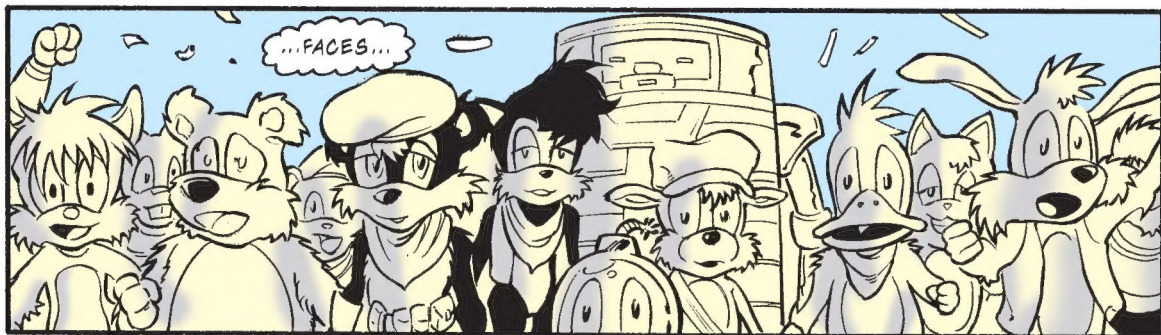
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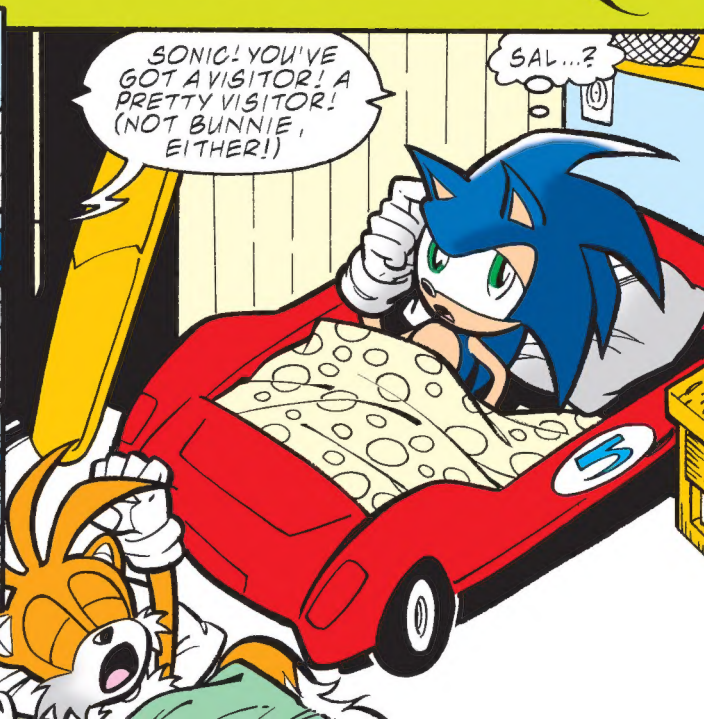
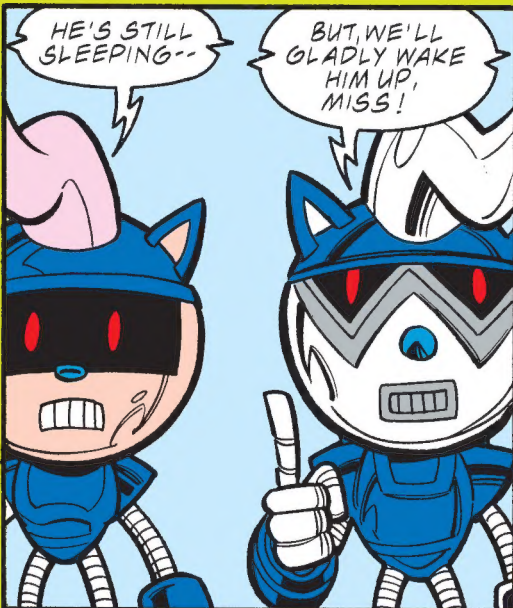
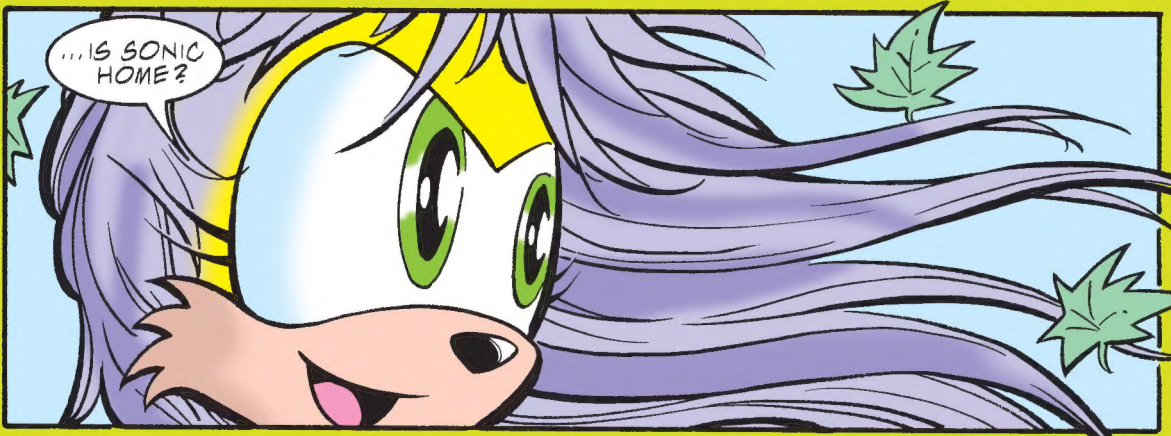
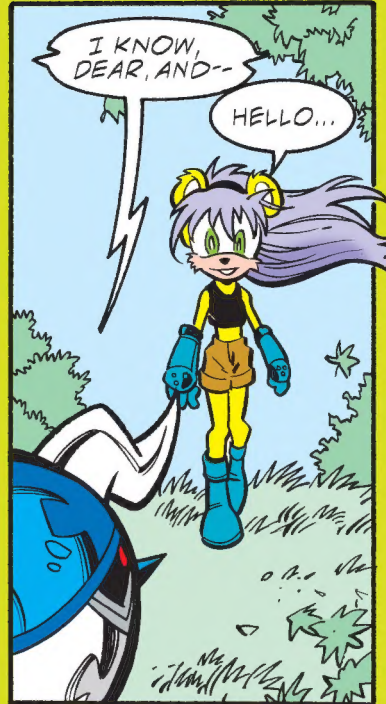
## ALL HAIL THE HOUSE OF ACORN!









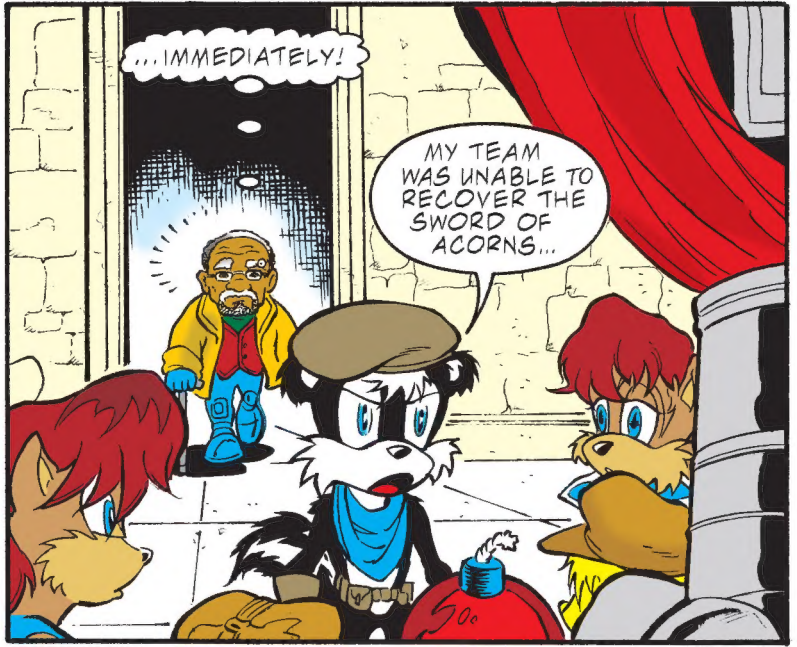






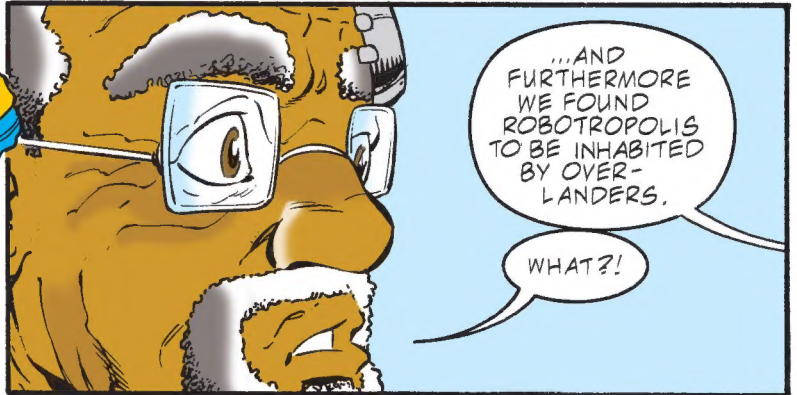
CASTLE ACORN...

I'VE MANAGED TO FULLY DECIPHER SIR CHARLES' MESSAGE. PRINCE ELIAS WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT I'VE LEARNED...



...IMMEDIATELY!

MY TEAM WAS UNABLE TO RECOVER THE SWORD OF ACORNS...



...AND FURTHERMORE WE FOUND ROBOTROPOLIS TO BE INHABITED BY OVER-LANDERS.

WHAT?!

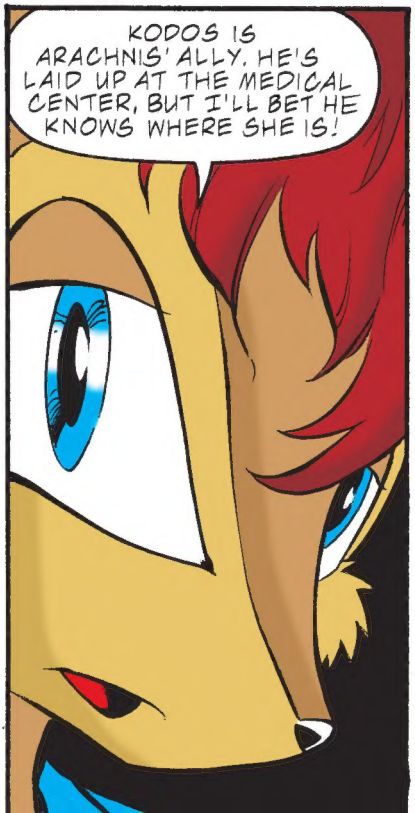


YES, NATE... WHAT IS IT?

SIRE, I... SIR CHARLES' MESSAGE REVEALED THAT THE SPIDER-NINJA, ARACHNIS, STOLE THE SWORD OF ACORNS FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

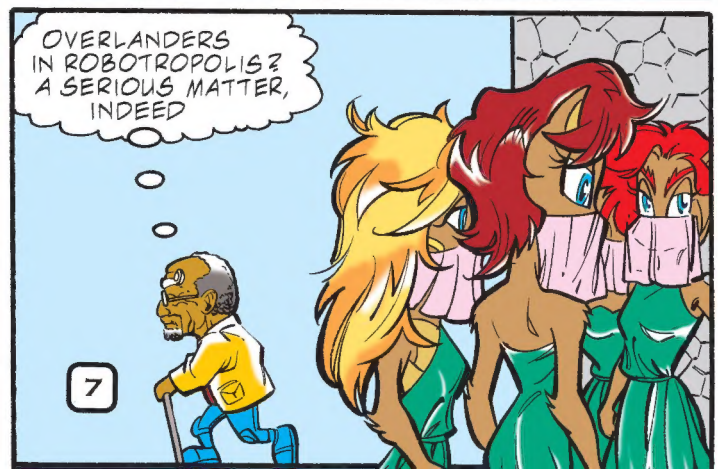
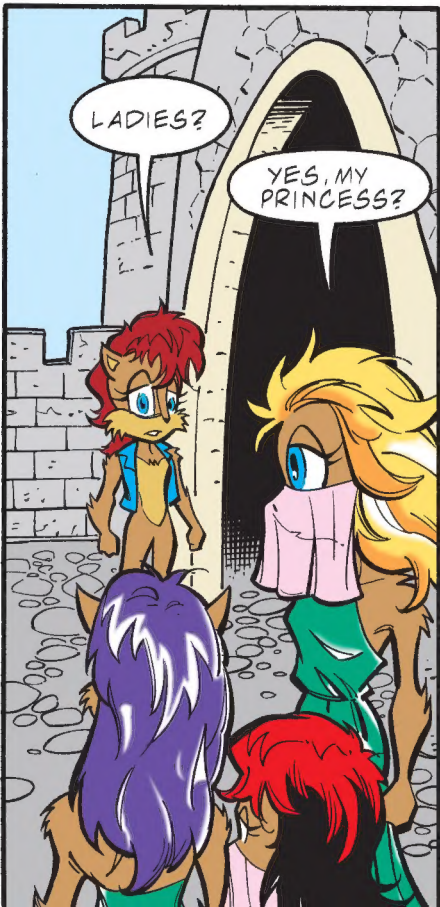
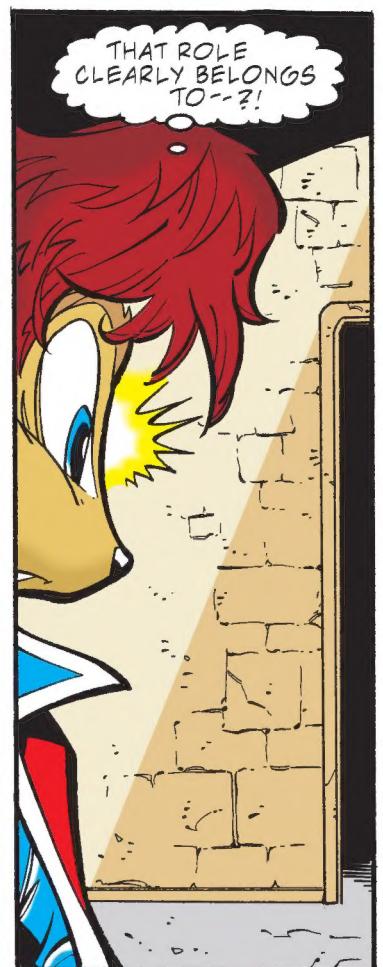
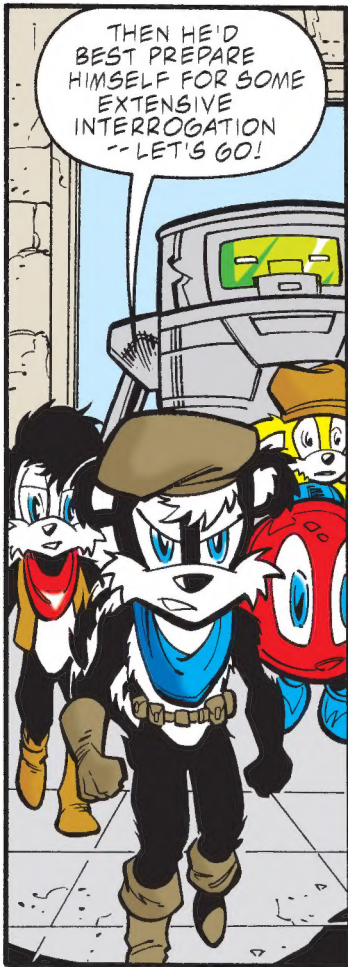


BRILLIANT! SIMPLY BRILLIANT! WE RISK OUR NECKS TO GET SOMETHING FROM ROBOTNIK WHICH HE DOESN'T EVEN POSSESS!

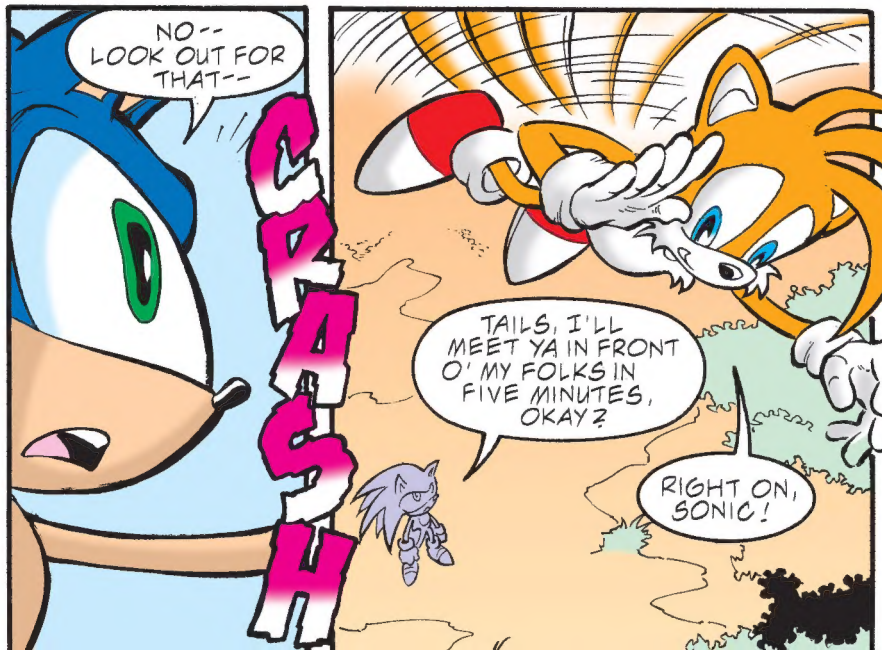
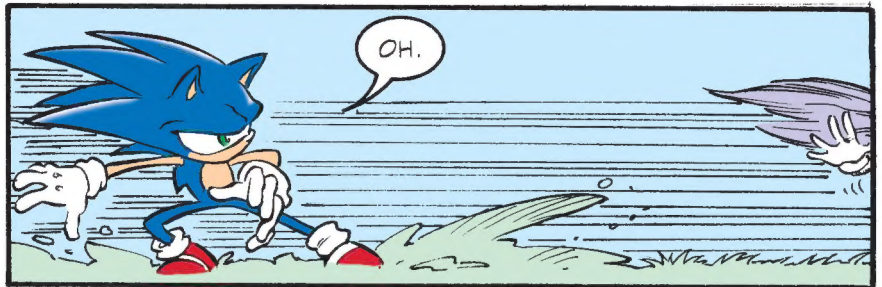
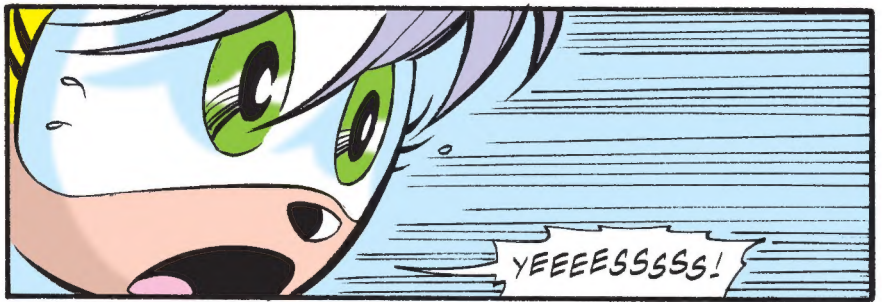
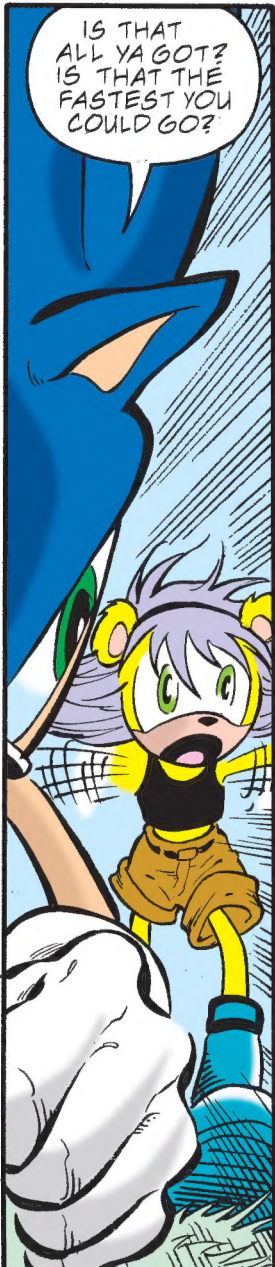
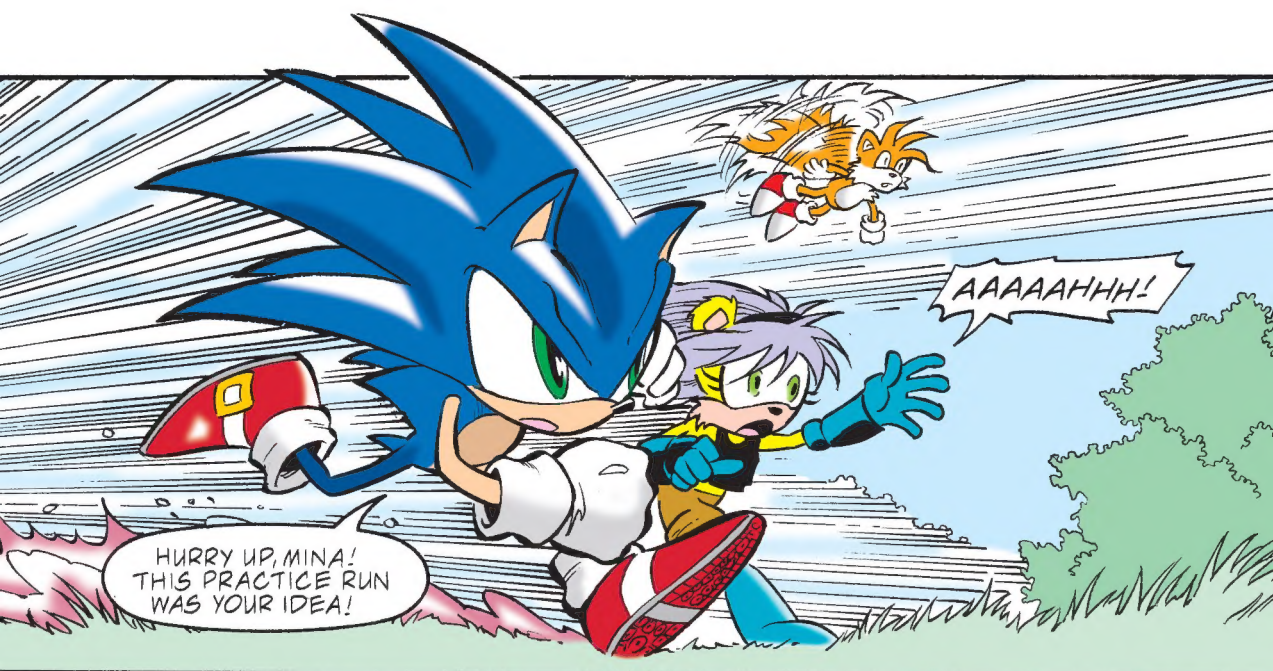


KODOS IS ARACHNIS' ALLY. HE'S LAID UP AT THE MEDICAL CENTER, BUT I'LL BET HE KNOWS WHERE SHE IS!

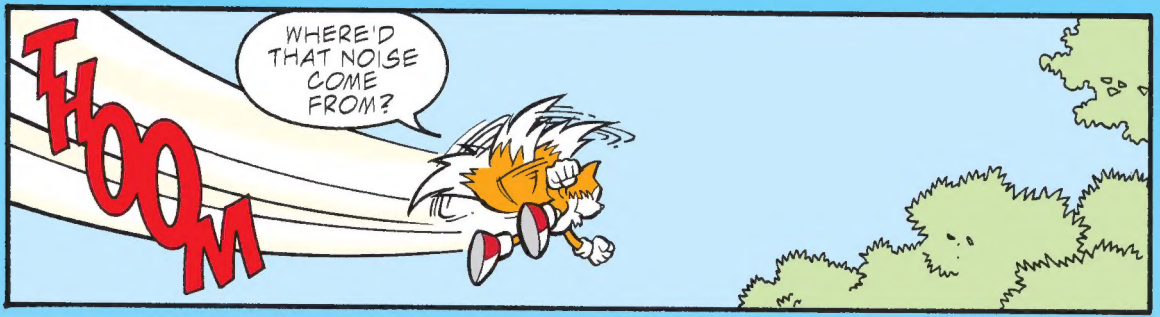






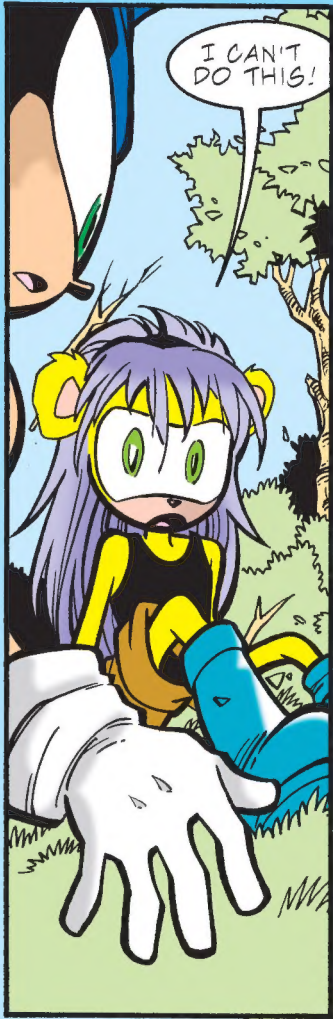




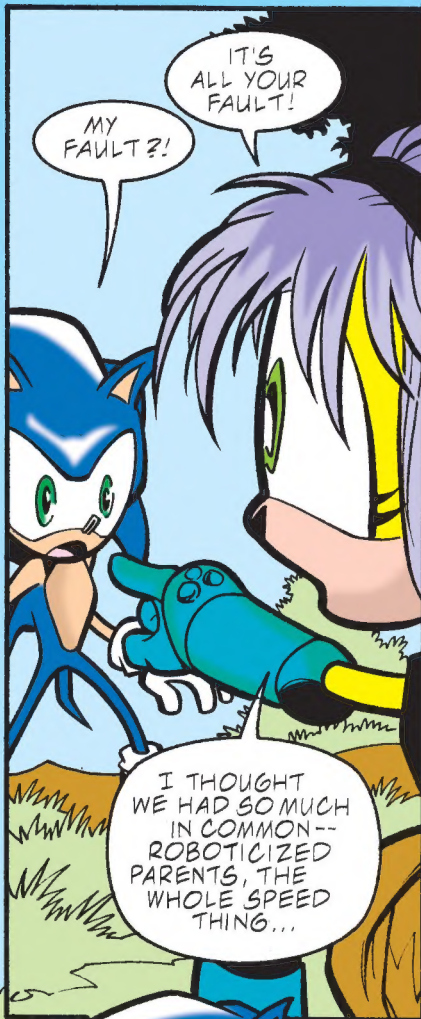


WHERE'D THAT NOISE COME FROM?

THOOM



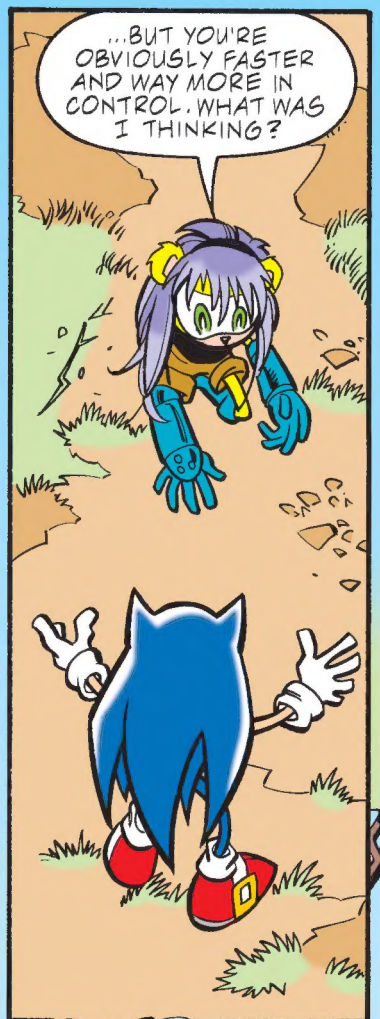
I CAN'T DO THIS!



MY FAULT?!

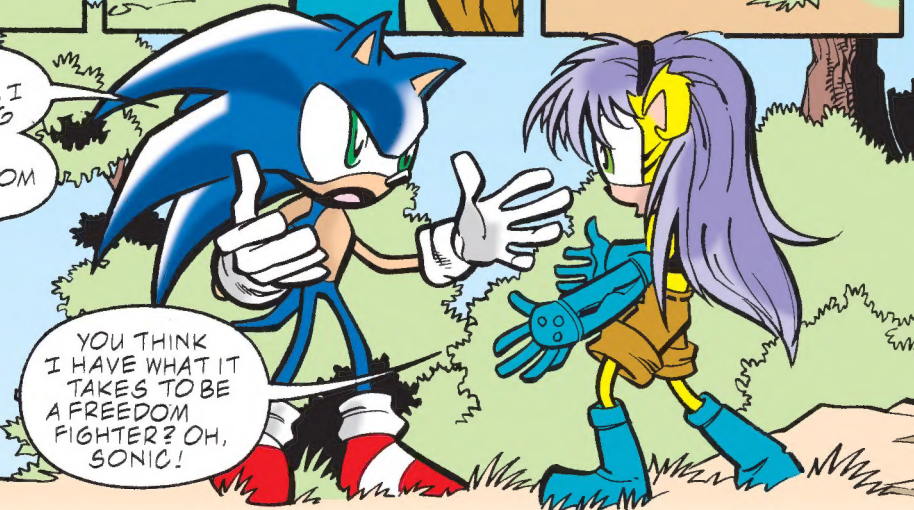
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!

I THOUGHT WE HAD SO MUCH IN COMMON-- ROBOTICIZED PARENTS, THE WHOLE SPEED THING...



...BUT YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY FASTER AND WAY MORE IN CONTROL. WHAT WAS I THINKING?

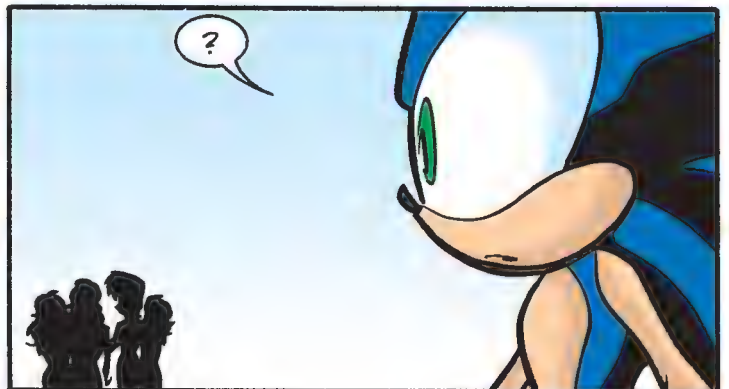
GEEZ, DON'T GET SO DRAMATIC. I WAS ONLY TEASING  
IT'S ALL PART O' BEING A FREEDOM FIGHTER.



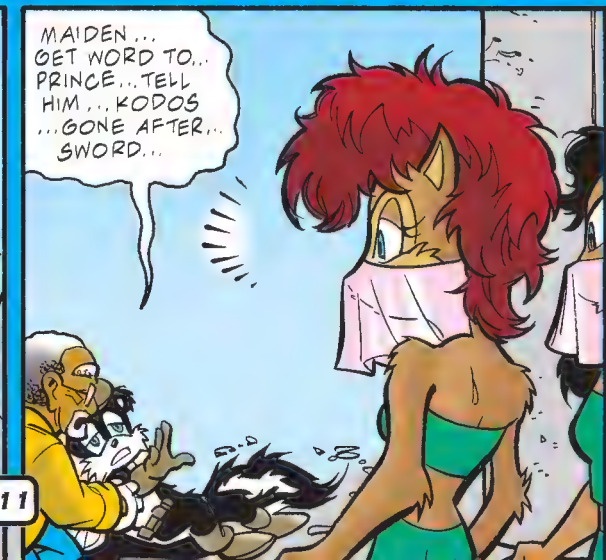
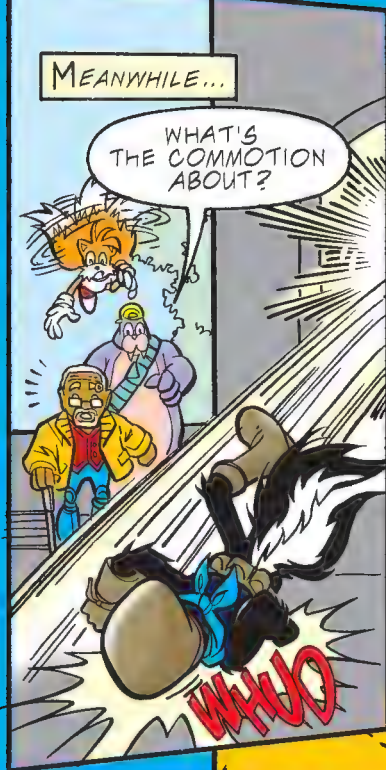
YOU THINK I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER? OH, SONIC!







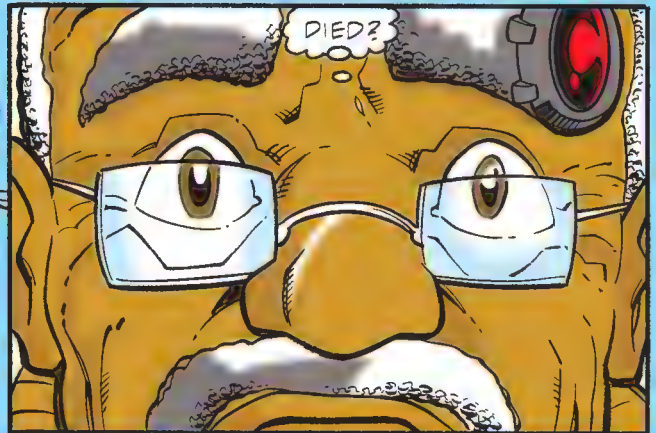
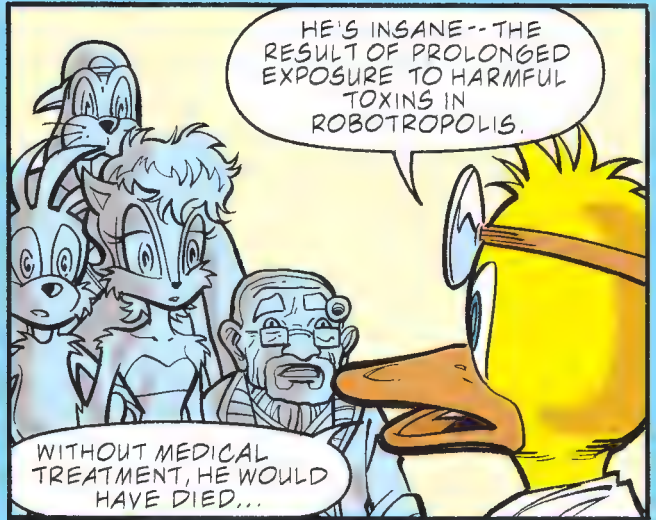
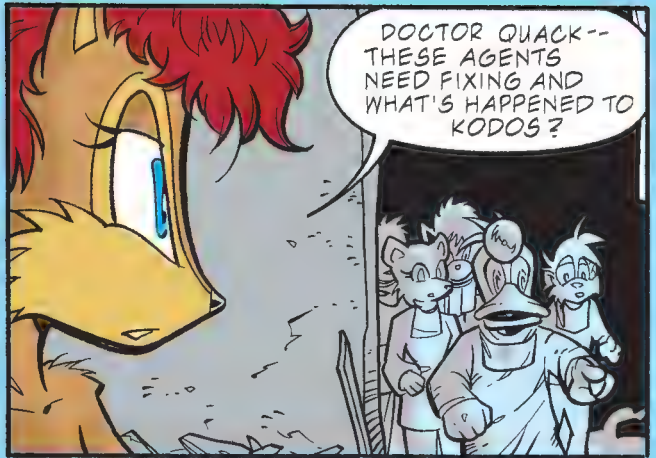




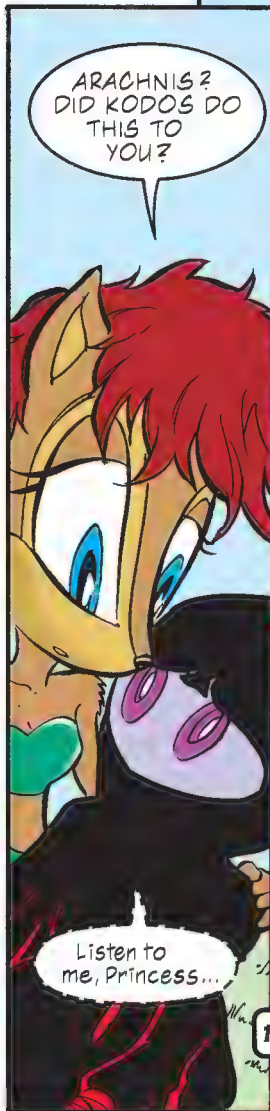
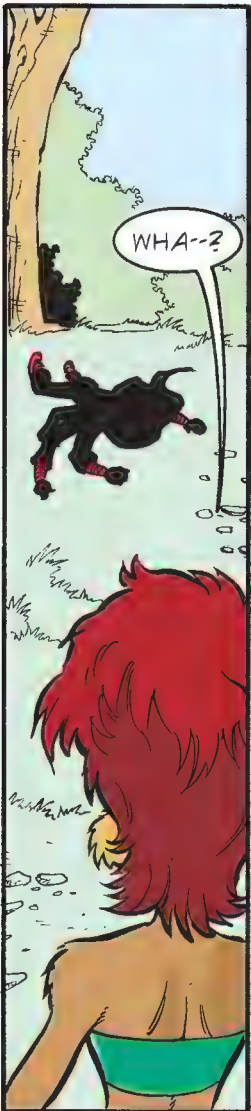
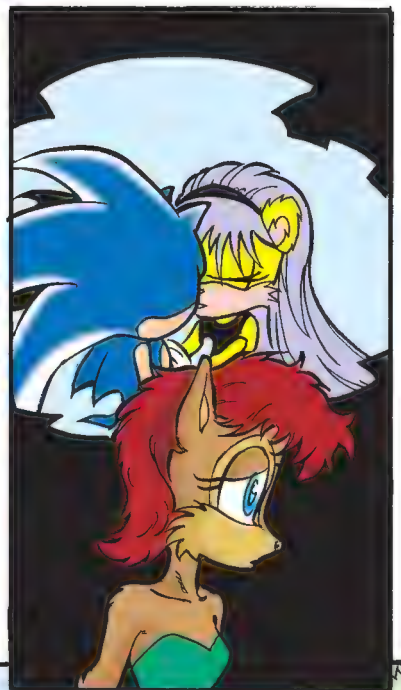
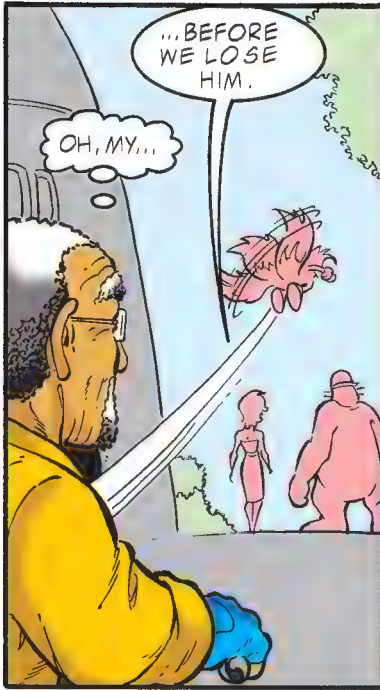




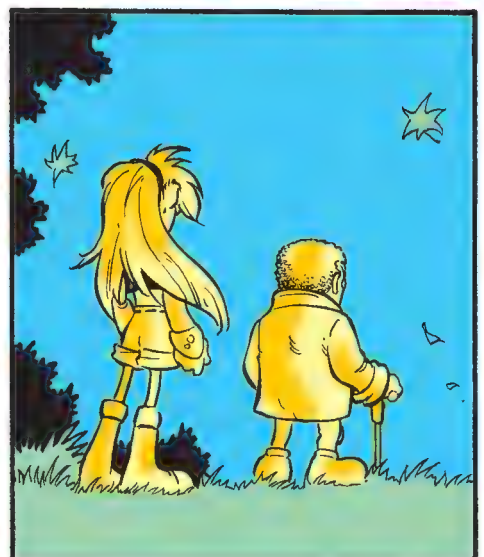
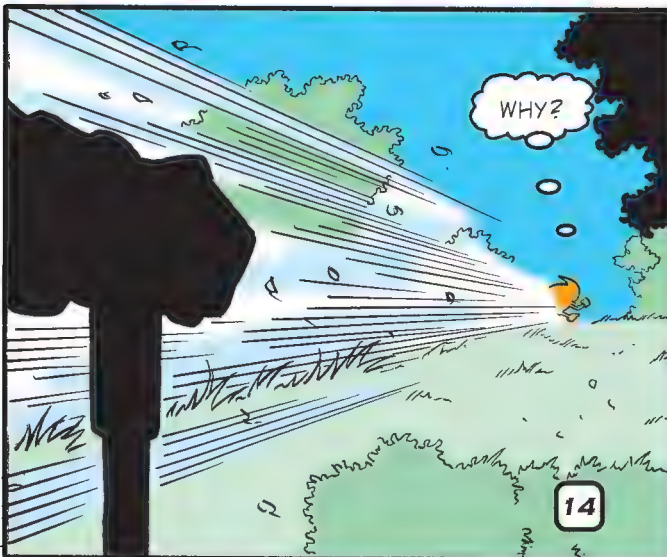
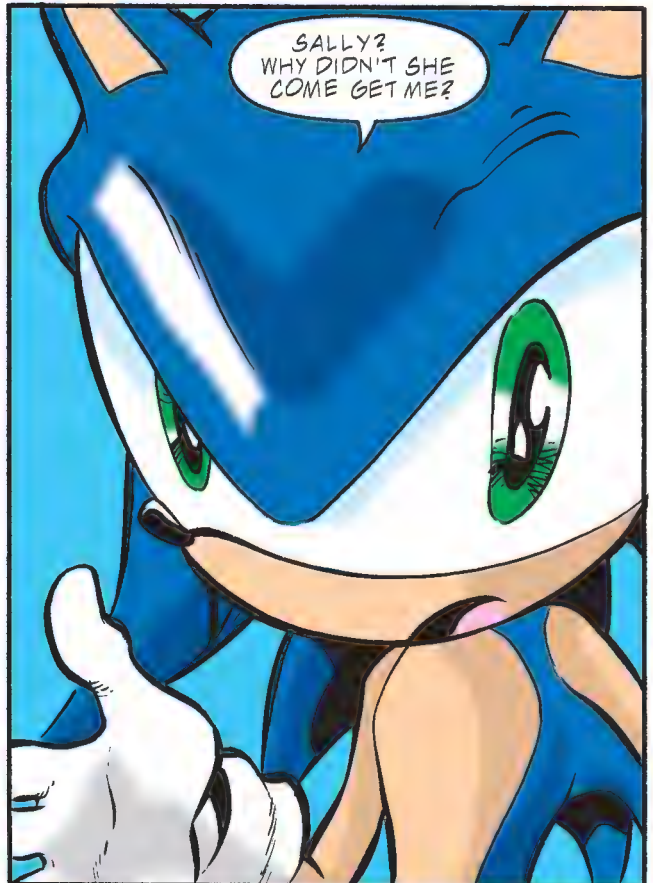
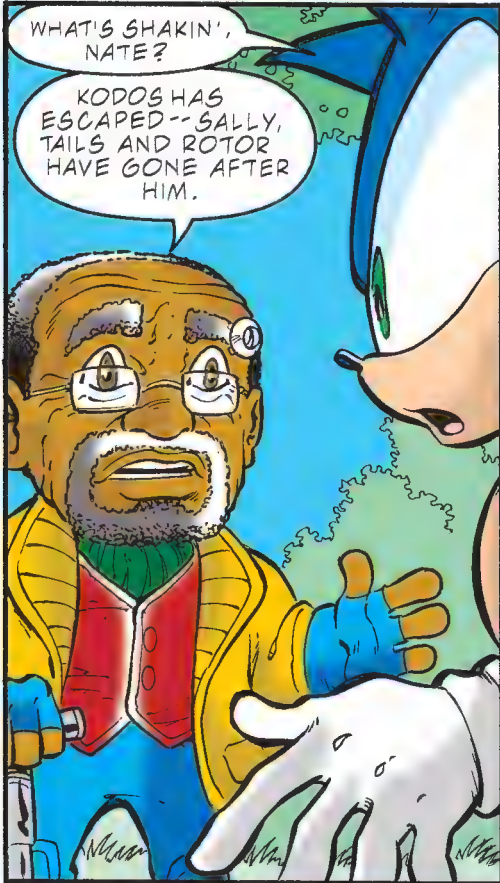
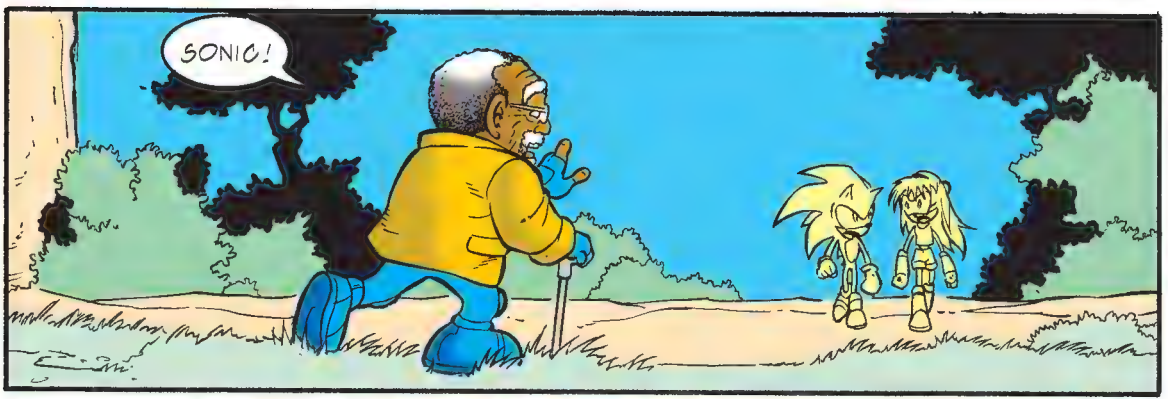
THAT DOES IT.





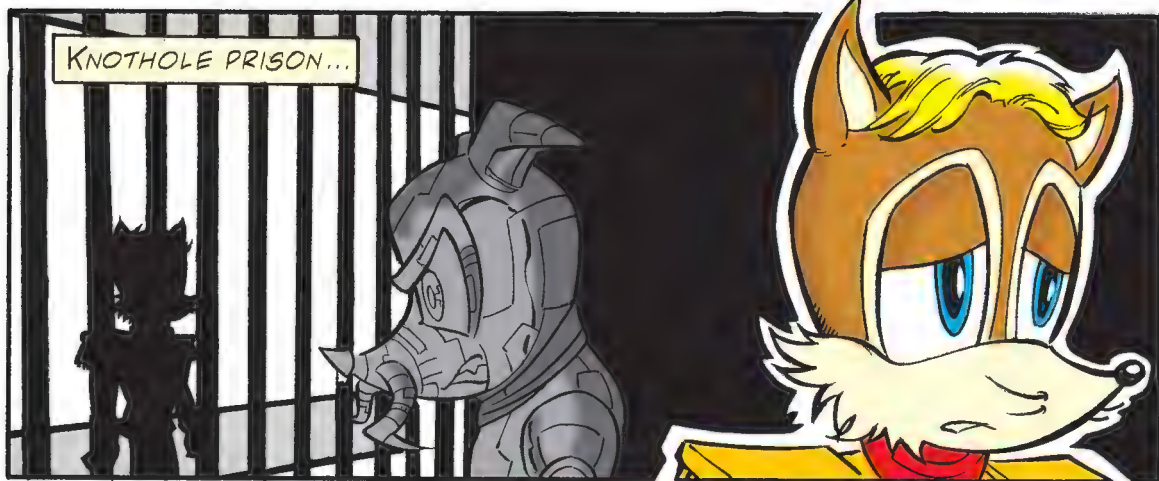






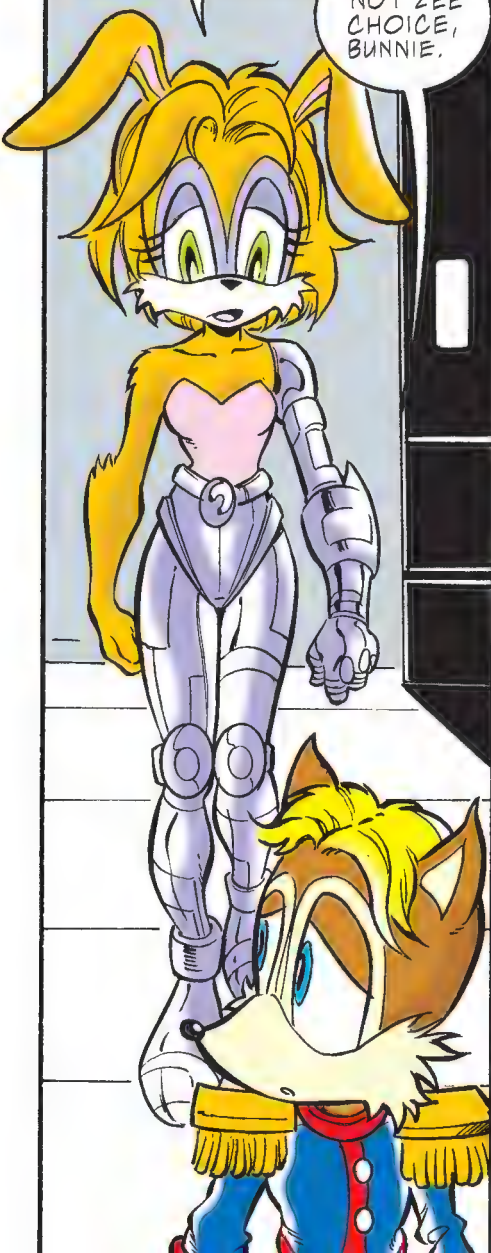


KNOTHOLE PRISON...

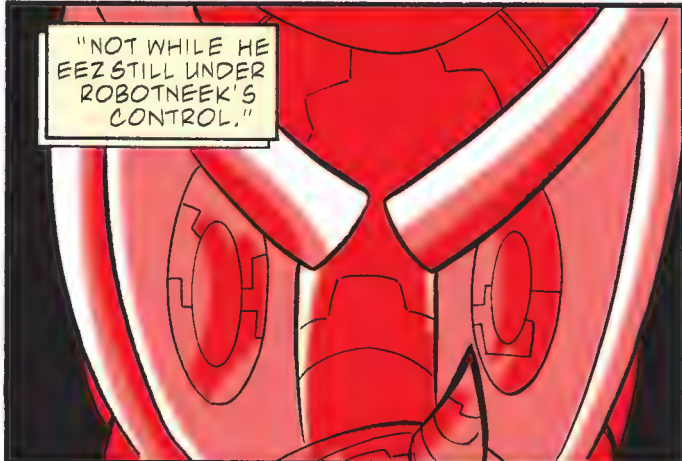


YA CAN'T STAY HERE WATCHIN' YER PAW AND NUTHIN' ELSE, ANTOINE.

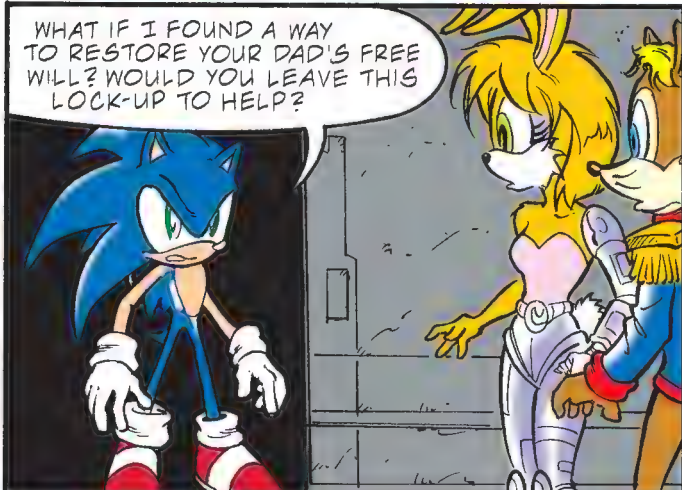
I 'AVE NOT ZEE CHOICE, BUNNIE.



"NOT WHILE HE EEZ STILL UNDER ROBOTNEEK'S CONTROL."



WHAT IF I FOUND A WAY TO RESTORE YOUR DAD'S FREE WILL? WOULD YOU LEAVE THIS LOCK-UP TO HELP?



I TAKE THAT AS A "YES". THEN LET'S HURRY...







--THERE  
ISN'T MUCH  
TIME!

**NEXT: 100!**



HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, BUT NOW

# KNUCKLES™ THE ECHIDNA

BY  
THE CHAOS  
EMERALD,  
PILOT--

--WHY HAVEN'T  
YOU ALREADY TAKEN  
EVASIVE  
ACTION ?!!

IS ALL ON HIS OWN, IN  
SEARCH OF HIS LOVED ONES.

WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IS  
THAT HIS DEADDEST ENEMIES  
ARE STILL AT LARGE AS WELL.

AT THIS MOMENT, ABOARD THEIR  
AIRBORNE BATTLECRUISER, THE  
DREADED DIMITRI AND HIS  
DARK LEGIONNAIRES ARE  
EXPERIENCING A BIT OF  
UNEXPECTED TURBULENCE...

THE  
SHOCKWAVE  
CAME OUT  
OF NOWHERE,  
SIR!

THERE WAS  
NO INDICATION  
ON ANY OF  
THE FORWARD  
SENSORS!

HOW ABOUT  
OTHER INDICATORS ?  
TACTICAL ?!

## WHAT COMES AROUND GOES AROUND

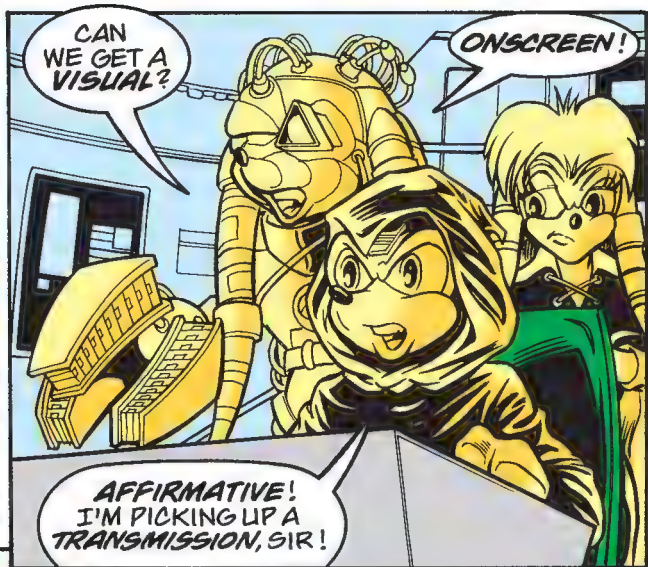
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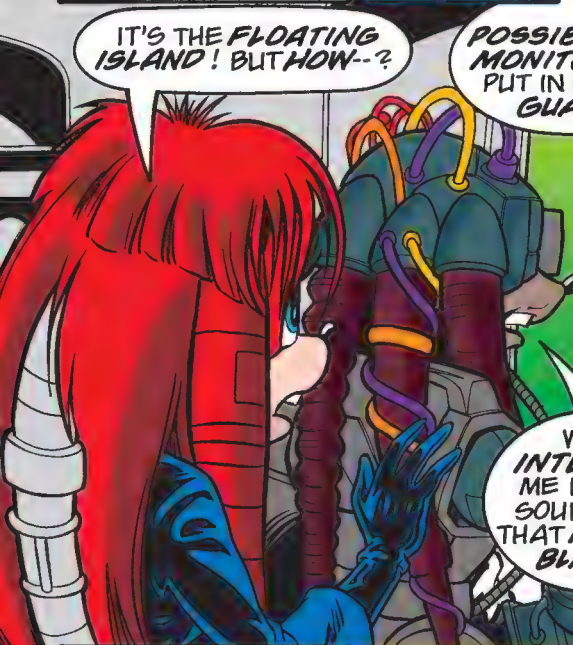
ACCORDING TO MY MONITOR, THE ENERGY WAVE ORIGINATED 180 DEGREES FROM OUR FORWARD TRAJECTORY, SIR!



CAN WE GET A VISUAL?

ONSCREEN!

AFFIRMATIVE! I'M PICKING UP A TRANSMISSION, SIR!



IT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND! BUT HOW--?

POSSIBLY SOME SORT OF MONITORING SYSTEM PUT IN PLACE BY THE GUARDIANS!

WHAT INTERESTS ME IS THE SOURCE OF THAT POWER BLAST!

IS THAT THE ONLY SIGNAL WE'RE RECEIVING?



NO, SIR! THERE'S ANOTHER SIGNAL TRANSMITTING ON ANOTHER FREQUENCY!

IT'S KNUCKLES!!! BATTLING SOME WRETCHED CREATURE!!!

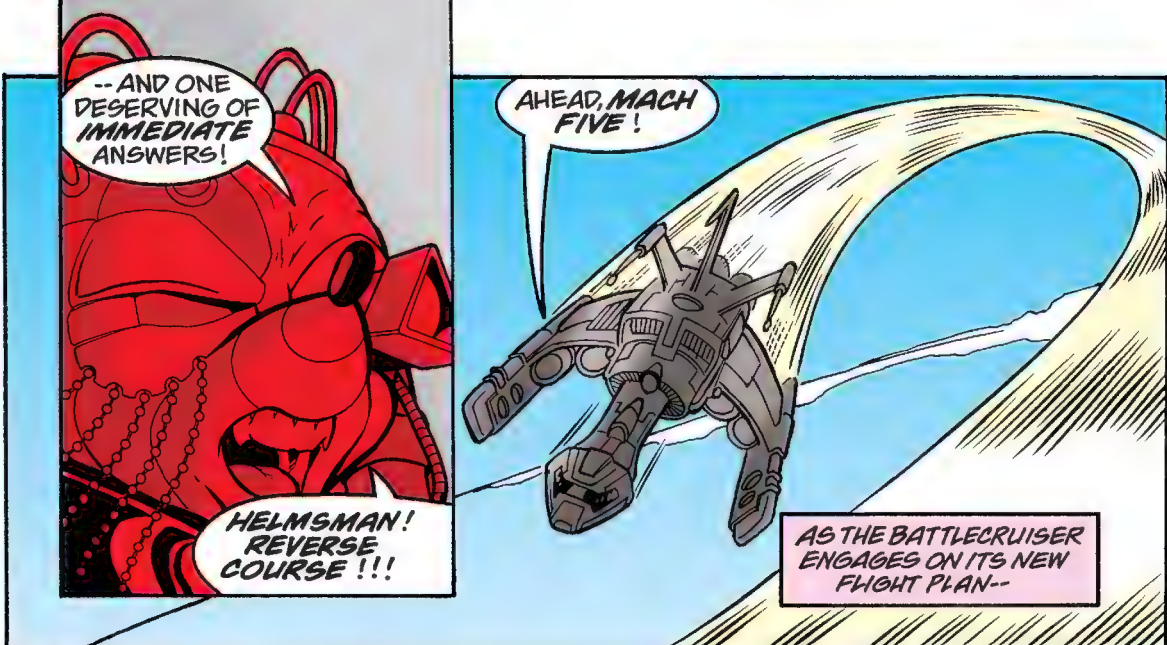


AND NOW HE'S GONE!!

WHEN DID KNUCKLES ACQUIRE SUCH ABILITIES?

AN INTERESTING QUESTION, MY DEAR KOMMISSAR--



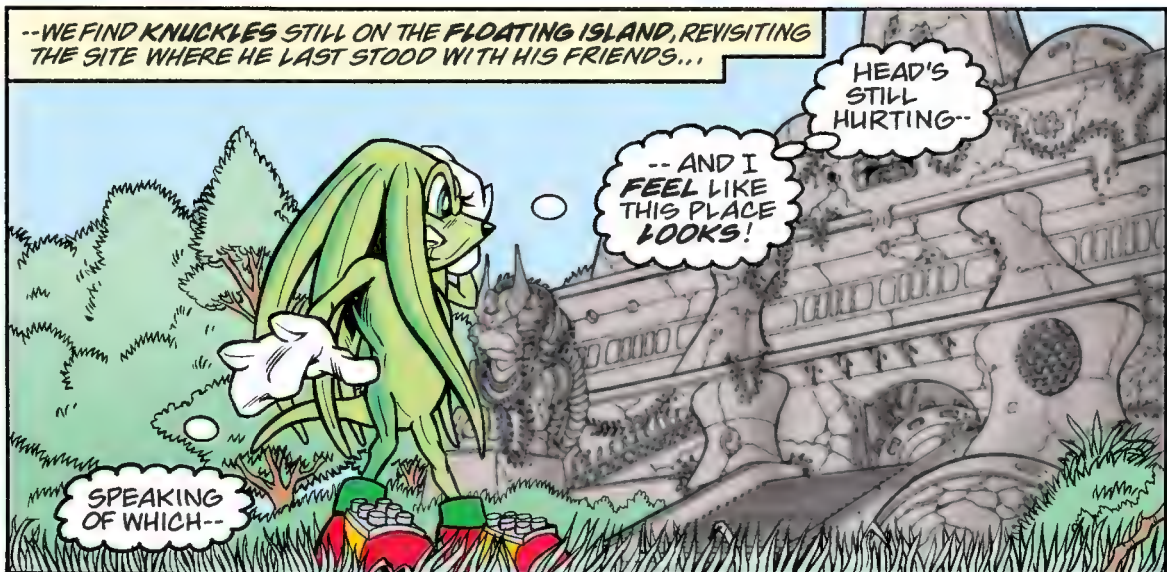


-- AND ONE DESERVING OF IMMEDIATE ANSWERS!

AHEAD, MACH FIVE!

HELMSMAN! REVERSE COURSE !!!

AS THE BATTLECRUISER ENGAGES ON ITS NEW FIGHT PLAN--

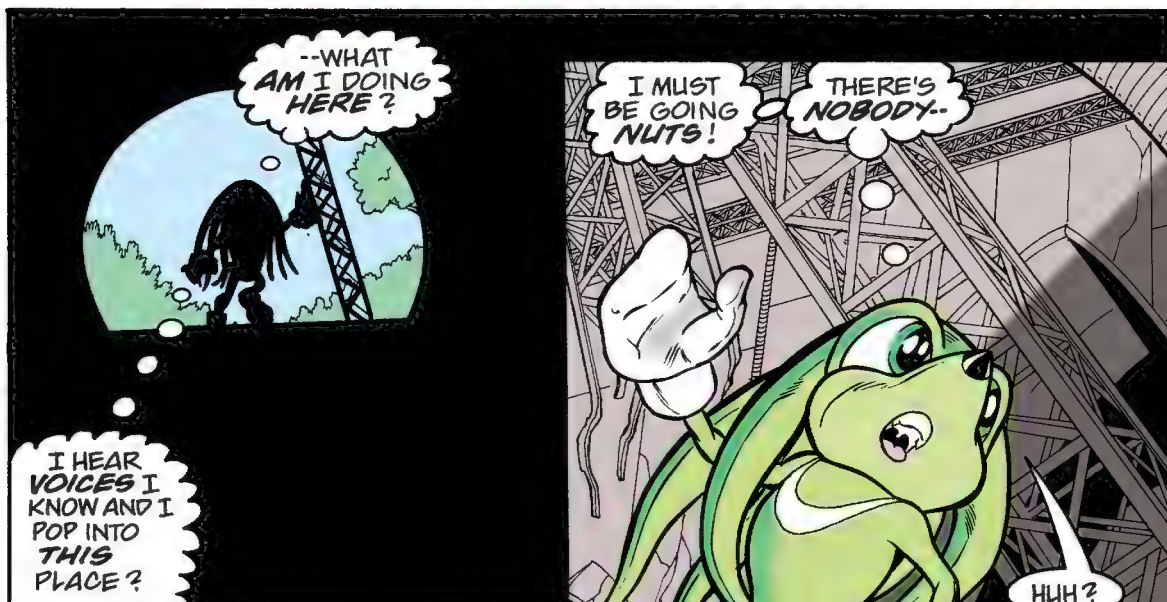


-- WE FIND KNUCKLES STILL ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, REVISITING THE SITE WHERE HE LAST STOOD WITH HIS FRIENDS...

HEAD'S STILL HURTING--

-- AND I FEEL LIKE THIS PLACE LOOKS!

SPEAKING OF WHICH--



-- WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

I MUST BE GOING NUTS!

THERE'S NOBODY--

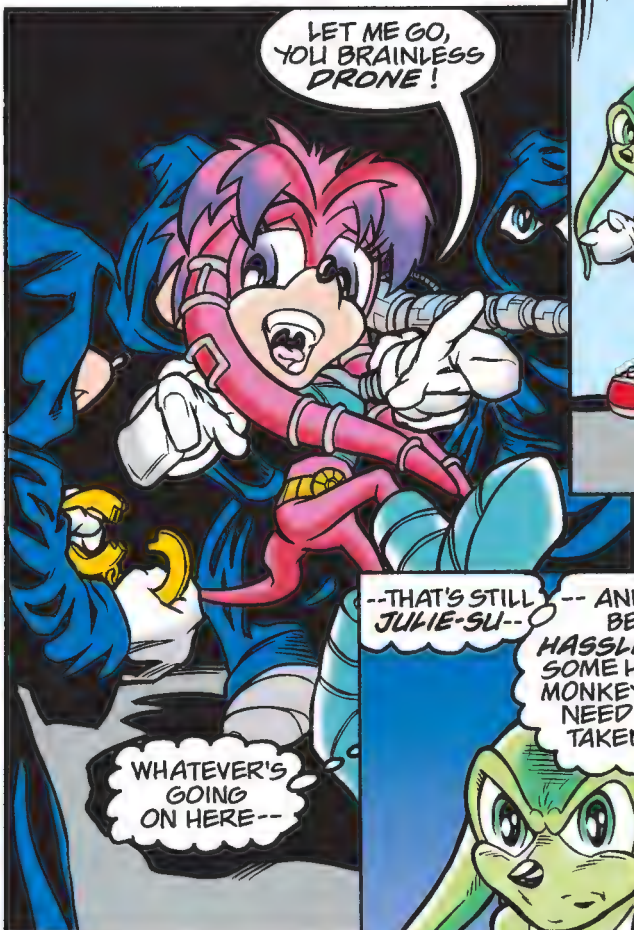
I HEAR VOICES I KNOW AND I POP INTO THIS PLACE?

HUH?





JULIE-SU!



LET ME GO, YOU BRAINLESS DRONE!

WHATEVER'S GOING ON HERE--



AND THAT'S ME OVER THERE!

WHOA! I REALLY MUST BE LOSING IT!

--THAT'S STILL JULIE-SU--

-- AND SHE'S BEING HASSLED BY SOME HOODED MONKEYS WHO NEED TO BE TAKEN DOWN!



NO!

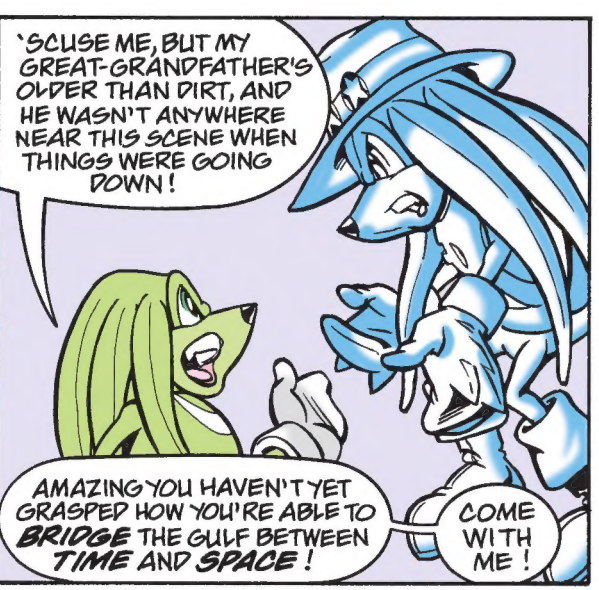




THIS IS NOT HAPPENING!

YOU LOOK KINDA FAMILIAR-- BUT I DON'T REMEMBER YOU AT ALL!

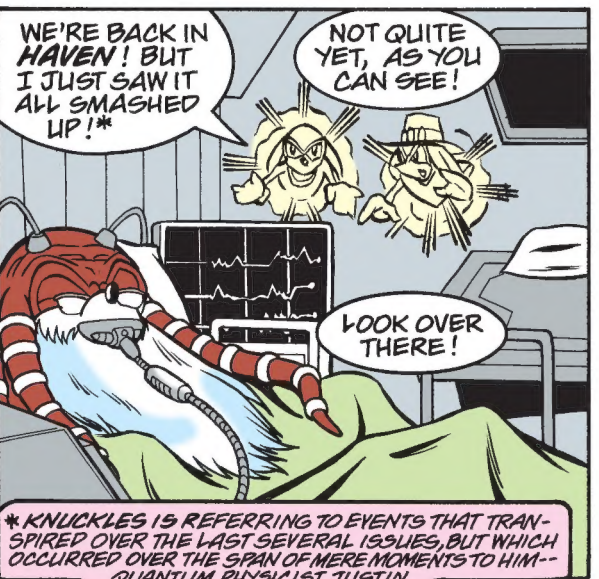
APPEARANCES MAY DECEIVE-- BUT I AM STILL YOUR ANCESTOR HAWKING!



'SCUSE ME, BUT MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S OLDER THAN DIRT, AND HE WASN'T ANYWHERE NEAR THIS SCENE WHEN THINGS WERE GOING DOWN!

AMAZING YOU HAVEN'T YET GRASPED HOW YOU'RE ABLE TO BRIDGE THE GULF BETWEEN TIME AND SPACE!

COME WITH ME!



WE'RE BACK IN HAVEN! BUT I JUST SAW IT ALL SMASHED UP!\*

NOT QUITE YET, AS YOU CAN SEE!

LOOK OVER THERE!

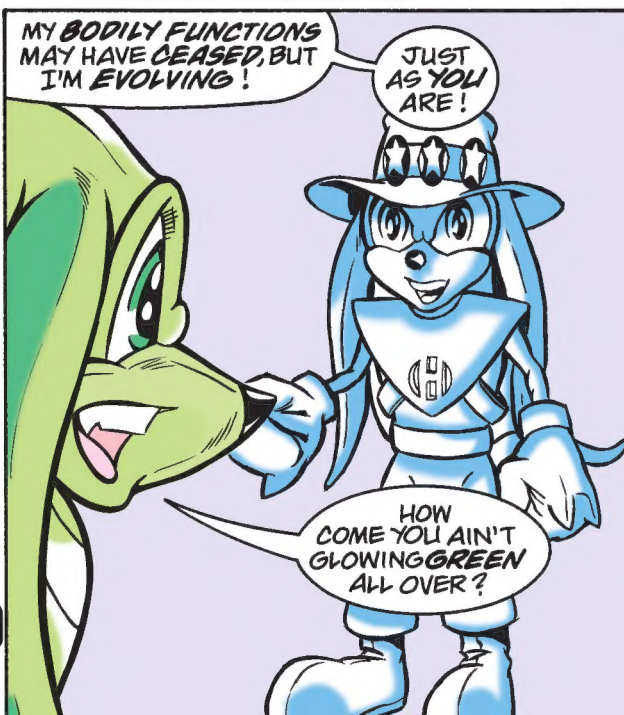
\* KNUCKLES IS REFERRING TO EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL ISSUES, BUT WHICH OCCURRED OVER THE SPAN OF MERE MOMENTS TO HIM-- QUANTUM PHYSICIST JUSTIN.



GRANDFATHER HAWKING!!!

BUT HE'S--

DEAD?

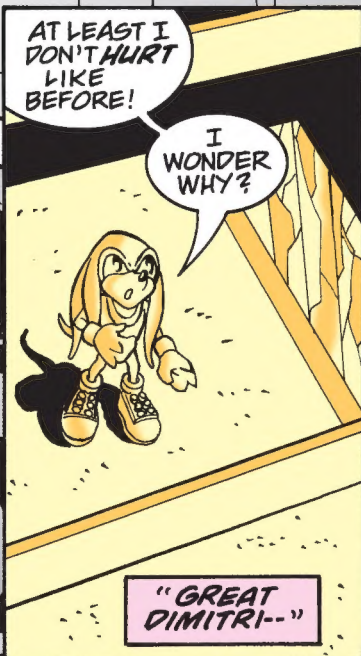
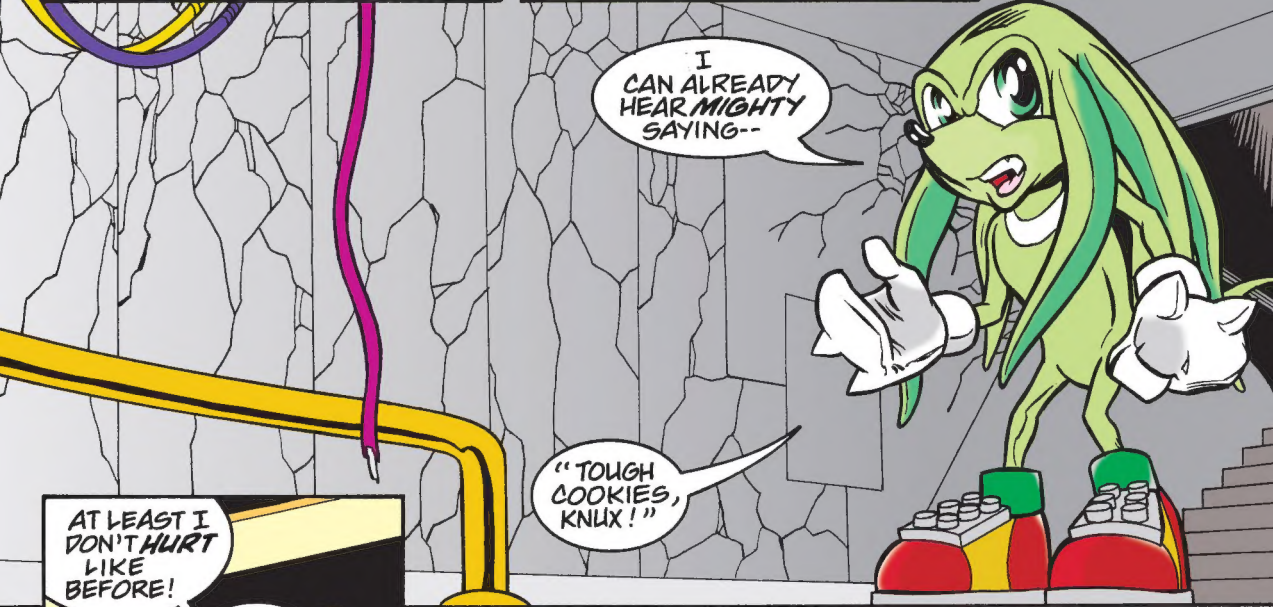
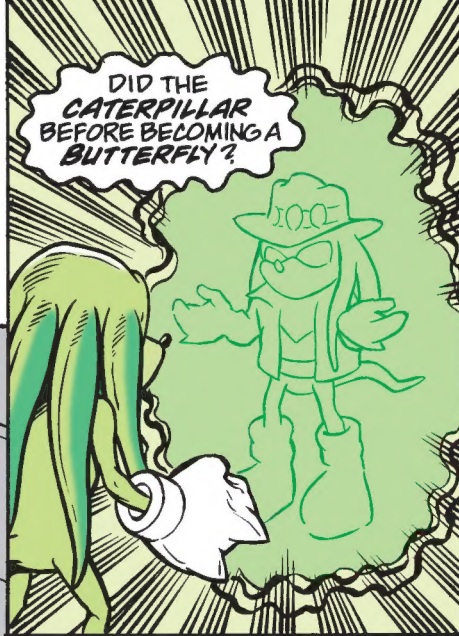


MY BODILY FUNCTIONS MAY HAVE CEASED, BUT I'M EVOLVING!

JUST AS YOU ARE!

HOW COME YOU AIN'T GLOWING GREEN ALL OVER?









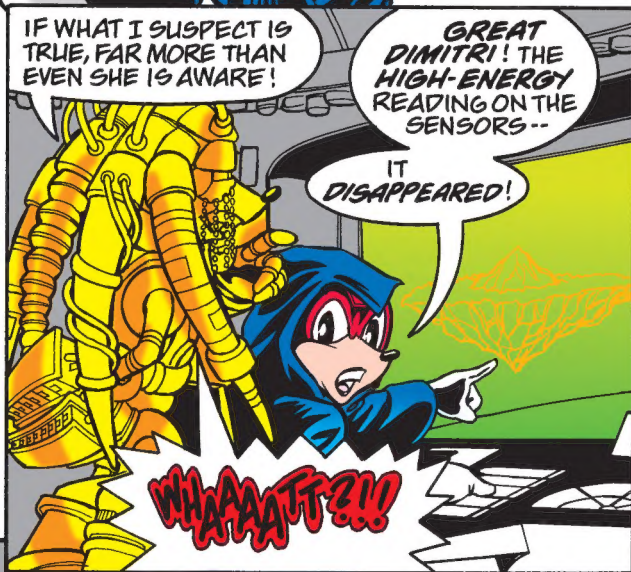
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT WHATEVER THE SENSORS ARE PICKING UP COULD TRULY BE THE CURSED SON OF LOCKE?



LIEN-DA, MY DEAR, GO DOWN BELOW AND RETRIEVE YOUR HALF-SISTER!

JUNE-SH?!!

WHAT GOOD COULD SHE POSSIBLY DO FOR US RIGHT NOW?



IF WHAT I SUSPECT IS TRUE, FAR MORE THAN EVEN SHE IS AWARE!

GREAT DIMITRI! THE HIGH-ENERGY READING ON THE SENSORS--

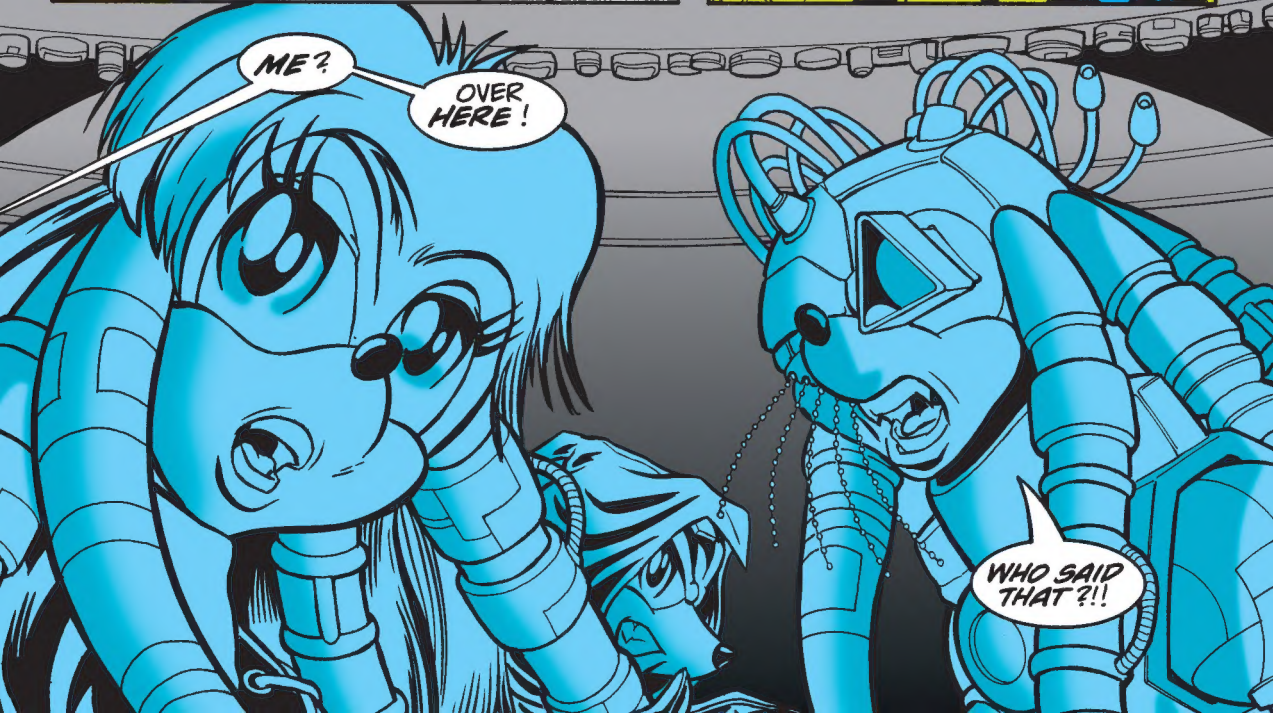
IT DISAPPEARED!

WHAAAT?!!



NO!

TO BE THIS CLOSE! ONLY TO LOSE--



ME?

OVER HERE!

WHO SAID THAT?!!



TAKE A GUESS--AND THE FIRST TWO DON'T COUNT!

HOW GOOD OF YOU TO DROP IN, KNUCKLES!

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DISCUSS!

COULDN'T AGREE MORE!

ANY IDEA WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND--

--OR WHERE MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE?

NEXT ISSUE: KNUCKLES... A DARK LEGIONNAIRE? SAY IT AIN'T SO!

WE'LL FIND OUT TOGETHER IN THE LANDMARK #100<sup>th</sup> ISSUE OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! THIS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!